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**MEMORANDUM FOR : Deputy Director (Research)**

**SUBJECT : Transmittal of Staff Study on Operation of U-2 Aircraft  
from Carrier Base**

I concur with the conclusions in the attached study; however, I feel that the recommendations should be modified as follows:

1. That the concept of carrier operations be approved.
2. That authority be given to Lockheed to initiate test flight operations under simulated land based conditions.
3. That Lockheed Aircraft Corporation be authorized to complete an ECP for modification of two U-2 aircraft.
4. That a firm proposal for support of subject operations be submitted to the U. S. Navy.

(Signed)

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**Attachment  
Staff Study**

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